



Hurricane Katrina –Contracting Opportunities

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has left a ravaged region in the South and thousands of people abandoned and homeless. While the federal government is feverishly working to provide the necessary relief to the victims and their families suffering from this catastrophic storm, we are also preparing for a massive reconstruction effort. To help put our nation back on the road to recovery, we need help and will be seeking reliable contractors from around the country to help assist with the reconstruction process. I know that the good folks in Pennsylvania have the talent and dedication to help make this transformation a success.

To learn more about contracting opportunities with FEMA to support the Hurricane Katrina response and recovery operation, please visit the following websites:

Alabama: <http://www.ema.alabama.gov/>

Florida: Disaster Contractors Network at <http://www.dcnonline.org/>.

Louisiana: <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov> <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov>.

Mississippi: <http://www.mema.state.ms.us>

Proposals:

In general, proposals must include the following information:

- Company name
- Business address
- Contact information
- Type of service or product offered
- Type of equipment
- Number of workers being provided
- Cost for service or product
- Whether the company is volunteering services



You may also contact County offices of emergency management, especially to offer clean-up services.

FEMA acquires the services of independent contractors in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, through sealed bidding or negotiations. FEMA also accepts unsolicited proposals for product and services. You may call FEMA's acquisition voice message system at (202) 646-4006 for more information concerning business solicitations.

FEMA's website, www.fema.gov/ofm can give you a brief summary about doing business with FEMA.

FEMA locates qualified small businesses through the U.S. Small Business Administration's Pro-net. You may register with Pro-Net on the SBA's website (www.sba.gov).



Other Contracting Opportunities and Useful Resources:

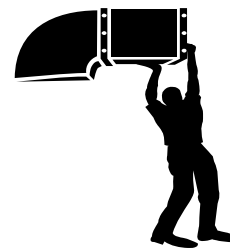
Department of Homeland Security:

DHS Homeland Security Business Opportunities and Resources

Agency	Business Information	Website or E-mail Address
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Provides link to "Business" information, DHS acquisition offices, federal policies and regulations.	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=37
Federal Business Opportunities, GSA	Serves as the single point of entry for federal procurement opportunities over \$25,000.	http://www.fedbizopps.gov
Small Business Procurement Assistance, DHS	Provides contact addresses and phone numbers of small business specialists in DHS. Answers	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=37&content=3406

	frequently asked questions on contracting.	
Central Contractor Registration (CCR)	Vendors are required to register in this database, prior to the award of any contract or basic ordering agreement.	http://www.ccr.gov

DOD and R&D Contracting Opportunities:



DOD R&D Contracts and Contracting Information

Agency/Organization	Program	Program Information on the Web
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Handbook on <i>Selling to the Military</i>	http://www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/publications/selling/main.htm
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	High technology R&D projects	http://www.darpa.mil/body/dobdar.html
DOD Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program	Focus on small businesses	http://www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/sbir/
Defense Electronic Business Program Office	FedBizOpps.gov has replaced DODBusOpps.com as the single government point-of-entry (GPE) for DOD procurement opportunities over \$25,000. Government buyers are able to publicize their business opportunities by posting	http://www.fedbizopps.gov/index.html

	information directly to FedBizOpps via the Internet.	
Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT)	Public-private R&D partnership funded by DOD, which had been soliciting innovative technologies related to defense and homeland security	http://www.ccatsandiego.org

Other Federal Agency Homeland Security R&D Programs

Homeland security-related research and development programs are conducted and supported by federal agencies other than DHS. Some of these programs are managed by offices dedicated specifically to supporting homeland security R&D. Others are funded through regular R&D support procedures. The programs listed below support R&D funding for governmental, academic, and industrial performers and use contracts or grants, as appropriate. Several agencies have more than one relevant program.



Other Federal Agency Homeland Security R&D Programs, Opportunities, and Resources

Agency	Program	Program Information on the Web
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)	The Homeland Security Council's R&D focuses on food supply and agricultural production	http://www.usda.gov/homelandsecurity/homeland.html http://www.ars.usda.gov/Business/Business.htm
Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)	Fire safety standards, materials, cybersecurity, threat detection and protection, tools for law enforcement,	http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/factsheet/homeland.htm#tools For NIST grants programs, Joyce Brigham, (301) 975-6329

	and emergency response	
Dept. of Energy, Office of Science	Various programs dealing with counter terrorism. See separate laboratories' websites for their opportunities	http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/grants.html
Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Biodefense Research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) on agents of bioterrorism and basic biology, immunology, vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics	http://www2.niaid.nih.gov/biodefense/about/niads_role.htm http://www2.niaid.nih.gov/biodefense/research/default.htm
Dept. of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Technology Program	Public safety improvement programs include homeland security	http://www.ojp.gov/nij/sciencetech/highlights.htm http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm
Dept. of Transportation (DOT)	Research and Special Programs agency R&D on pipeline safety and homeland security Procurement information for the Volpe Center Additional security-related R&D procurement information	http://www.rspa.dot.gov/contracts.html http://www.volpe.dot.gov/procure/current.html#rfp http://www.dot.gov/DOTagencies.htm http://www.dot.gov/PerfPlan2004/homelandperf.html
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Homeland	Buildings, water, and rapid risk assessment in	http://www.epa.gov/ordnhsrc/ avel.andy@epa.gov Schultz.Patricia@epa.gov

Security Research Center	partnership with other EPA and other government laboratories, and other performers	
National Science Foundation (NSF) Homeland Security Page	Data mining, national hazards, ecology of infectious diseases, microbial genome sequencing, critical infrastructure, computer security, programs with the intelligence community, and small business innovation	http://www.nsf.gov/od/lpa/news/media/01/nsf_response.htm#grants http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03569/nsf03569.htm http://www.eng.nsf.gov/sbir/homeland.htm

For more information on how you can help the victims and their families who have suffered from the devastation of Katrina visit: www.house.gov/english.